Manufacture of Vehicles at Vehicles Factory, Jabalpur

4899. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative costs of production of vehicles manufactured at the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur and similar vehicles manufactured by private automobile industry, exclusive of all taxes;

(b) whether the cost of the former is less than similar vehicle manufactured in private sector;

(c) if so, the reasons for short-fall of work load with the vehicle factory; Jabalpur;

(d) whether the manufacturing processes and techniques adopted by the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur have not been modernised and updated;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to modernise the above Factory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)(a): to (c). Vehicles similar to those manufactured in the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur are not being manufactured by the private automobile industry. Therefore a valid comparison is not possible. The Army not placing further orders for the existing series of vehicles on Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur in the recent past is not on consideration of prices.

(d) to (f). No significant modernisation of the factory has been undertaken in the recent past since it is linked with a decision, yet to be taken, on the futuristic series of vehicles to be introduced into the Services.

[*Translation*]

Repairs of National Highway No.7

4900. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the National Highway No. 7 between Mirjapur (Uttar Pradesh) and Rewa (Madhya Pradesh) is not traffic worthy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the development and repairs of the above stretch of National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The section of National Highway No.7 between Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh) and Rewa (Madhya Pradesh) is generally in traffic worthy condition. Development and repairs of National Highways is a continuous process and repair/improvement works are being undertaken from time to time within the resources available.

Widening of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

4901. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated by the Union Government during 1990–91 and 1991–92 to develop and widen the national Highways in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the names of highways included in this programme; and

(c) the agencies to whom this work has been entrusted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Funds allocated to Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of National Highways during 1990–91 and 1991–92 are as follows:

Year	*Rs. in crores*
1990–91	18.50
1991–92	19.00 (provisional)

(b) All the National Highways in Madhya Pradesh, viz. National Highways No. 3,6,7,12,16,25,26,27 and 43, having a combined length of 2,946 kms within the State, were covered by the above referred allocations.

(c) National Highways works in Madhya Pradesh are entrusted to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh who act as agents of the Government of India to get the National Highways works executed.

Cases Involving Violation of Revenue Laws

4902. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases involving violation of various revenue laws detected by the informers in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of cases in which the violation of revenue laws was established; and

(c) the number of informers who have been awarded cash prizes on this account and the criteria for payment of reward in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (RAMESHWAR THAKUR) (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Opening of New Textile Mills under NTC

4903. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new textile mills under the National Textile Corporation to meet the present requirement of cloth;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to include the tribal areas at Madhya Pradesh in the programme; and

(d) if so, the areas in which textile mills are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Questions do not arise.

Export of Diamonds and Gold Jewellery and Precious Stones

4904. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been stagnation in the export of diamonds, gold jewellery, precious and semi-precious stones and pearls,during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the targets fixed for export of these items item-wise and year-wise and the extent to which these were achieved during each of the last three years; and